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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 7, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on May 7, 2006. May 7, 2006 fell on a Sunday, accordingly, this response is timely filed on Monday, May 8, 2006.

The Examiner has imposed a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and is requiring a species election. The two identified species comprise the methods of claims 1-60 and the method of claim 61. Applicants hereby elect claims 1-60 for further prosecution and expressly reserve their rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all pending and elected claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, he is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at 202-736-8914 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding *before* issuing another action. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the unlikely event that the Patent Office determines that extensions and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or fees due to our Deposit Account No. 18-1260, referencing Docket No. 22338-00602. Any refund should be credited to the same account. The Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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